

12 Cambridge Road
Hammersmith

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My dear W^m May

I was much
pleased to receive your
kind note this morning.
But was very sorry to hear
that you were so poorly.
I hope this will find you
better. I often wonder
how you A. S. friends
in America can wear so
well in the midst of such
constant excitement & shame
misrepresentation. You could
not live under it were

your cause not a just
one, & you sustained by
a great & good God to do
his work.

As there are always so
many proslavery Americans
in this country; & also as
there are frequently books
& newspaper articles being
published here to poison
& mislead the public—

I feel that labours are very
much needed to counteract
this evil & wicked influence.

I have ever regretted not
being able to devote more
time to the A. S. cause.

I will agree to pay all
my expenses, such as travelling
getting up meetings &c.
(which as you know are great in England)
This money I will agree to
raise here, & also to forward
the Society as much as possible.
I shall not look to the Society
for money or to interfere
with its income in any
way.

My proceedings can be
made known to you
direct or through the
London Anti-Slavery Committee,
of which I am a member.

I shall be pleased to act upon

any suggestion that ~~the~~
your Committee may be
make with regard to my
mode of action.

I hope your Committee will
entertain my proposition,
because I see how I can
be useful by interesting a large
class of persons who have
hitherto taken little or no
interest in the subject of
Slavery. And at the same
time render service to
the Society by being the
means of increasing its income.
~~I had forgotten that~~

I left the note with you.
I thank you for trying to collect
the money for me.

We hope we shall
have the pleasure of seeing
Miss Mattie Griffith, of whom
we have read much. There
are few more noble hearted,
or less selfish persons than
herself.

I am sorry I made a
mistake with regard to W.
Bennett's name. Which
to gether with other faults
I hope you will be kind
enough to correct.

The News papers here say
that the publication of
my little volume will do
good. At any rate, I think
it will prepare the way
for something better from
myself.

Hoping that W^m Garrison
W^m Phillips, W^m Jackson
^{in fact,}
& all our old friends are
well.

~~My wife joins in~~
remain, dear W^m May,

Yours very respectfully

W^m - Craft

P.S. My wife joins in ^{regards} kind regards to you

I shall be glad to hear from
you at your earliest convenience

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But of course, it was my first duty to provide for my wife & family & to try to obtain a little education. This I have done to some extent. And as I can now arrange my affairs so as not to require any of my attention — I should like very much to devote all my time to the Cause. In fact, I feel it to be my duty to do so. And nothing could give me more pleasure than to work in connection with the A. A. S. Society, provided I can

make it to the Society's ~~interest~~
^{interest} to employ my services.

I do not think that a
great deal ^{can be done} ~~pecuniarily~~, by
lecturing in this country.
Though I am fully persuaded
that much might be accomplished
in every way, in private
circles. Such as my long
residence in this country
will enable me to get
access to.

Should it please the
Society to appoint me
as an agent I shall be willing
to accept the agency for
£220 per annum. Out of which